

PREDATOR CONTROL AGENT

DEFINITION: Under general supervision, performs technical work of moderate difficulty in the control of predators and rodents causing significant damage to warrant an investigation; performs related work as assigned.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS: This list is ILLUSTRATIVE ONLY and is not a comprehensive listing of all functions and tasks performed by incumbents of this class.

TASKS:

Investigates complaints received from chapters, communities, local land users, general public, etc., regarding loss of livestock and destruction to agricultural crops resulting from predator and rodent depredation; controls offending predators through more aggressive actions using traps, snares, firearms, calls, etc.; maintains records of activities in accordance with environmental protection agency laws and regulations; participates in special problem predator control work involving the use of cyanide devices or other toxic agents; reports use of pesticides and firearms; may perform periodic rodent and pest control work.

Develops and conducts educational programs to control predators and rodents causing destruction; provides instructions and demonstrations on predator and rodent control to livestock owners, farmers and other interested parties; meets with a variety of groups to compile information and take complaints; prepares required reports; assists with the collection of research data; may perform necropsy on animal carcass to determine cause of death; attends meetings.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND OTHER CHARACTERISTICS:

Knowledge of federal, state, and Navajo Nation laws and regulations governing predator control.
Knowledge of the habits and behavior of predators.
Knowledge of a variety of traps and their uses.
Knowledge of wildlife census population collection.
Skill in the use of a variety of traps, snares and predator calls.
Skill in preparing and maintaining accurate records.
Skill in the use of firearms.
Skill in establishing and maintaining effective working relationships.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS AND WORK ENVIRONMENT: Work requires the ability to lift equipment up to 70 lbs. occasionally. Work is generally done in an outdoor setting with hazardous exposure to all kinds of weather conditions, wild animals, and pesticides.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: A high school diploma or GED; and two (2) years of predator control or related experience; or an equivalent combination of education, training and experience which provides the capabilities to perform the described duties.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: Must possess a valid state driver's license and a valid Navajo Nation Vehicle Operator's Permit. Must be certified to use restricted pesticides within one (1) year of employment.

Depending upon the needs of the Nation, some incumbents of the class may be required to demonstrate fluency in both the Navajo and English languages as a condition of employment.